

The USDA FNS Midwest Region presents:

Green Initiatives in School Wellness Webinar

Date: Tuesday, December 15th, 2009

Time: 2 PM – 3:30 PM Central Standard Time

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This webinar highlights exemplary school wellness initiatives that promote the consumption of local foods, enable students to learn about and participate in plant production, and build community partnership and support. Speakers represent school food service, educators, and administrators.

Joan Love, MS, LDN, SNS, session moderator, is a Principal Consultant at the Illinois State Board of Education in the School Nutrition Programs section. Joan co-coordinates an annual school wellness conference with the Illinois Action for Healthy Kids Team and Illinois NET.

Annette Hendrickx Derouin, MPH, RD, SNS, speaker, is a Food Service Director at Willmar Public Schools in Willmar, Minnesota. **Topic:** Farm to School Toolkit development, working with farmers to procure locally grown food for school lunch, and conducting student taste testing. Partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension and Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA).

Jeff Bracken, speaker, is a Chemistry Teacher at Westerville North High School in Westerville, Ohio. **Topic:** Teaching hydroponic gardening in the classroom in a location that replaced vending machines. Herbs and vegetables grown are used in school lunch and sold locally. Use of grow lights that were donated by Westerville Police Department.

Michelle Tocco, speaker, is a School Principal at Blair Moody Elementary School in Taylor, Michigan. **Topic:** Construction of a hoop house to harvest enough produce for student salad bar and to sell herbs to a local restaurant. Project funded by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Building Healthier Communities grant.